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CURRENT TOPICS.

THE expedition fitted out at Fort Lin-

coln, Dakota, for operations against the

hostile Indians under Sitting-Bull, left

that post on the 17th, taking a due

westerly course. The force consisted

of over 1,000 men, mostly cavalry, fully

equipped, with 30 days' supplies. There

is also a battery of Gatling guns at-

tached to the expedition. Gen. Terry has

the chief command, with Gen. Custer

in command of the cavalry and Indian

scouts. In addition to the supplies

carried by the trains, two steamships will

proceed up the Missouri and Yellow-

stone Rivers to the vicinity of the mouth

of the Big Horn River, with two months'

additional supplies. Gen. Terry's

force will co-operate with that of Gen.

Gibson, from Fort Ellis, Montana, and

also that of Gen. Crook, which is about

to start northward from Fort Laramie

—the three columns acting independ-

ently of each other, but all making for

the vicinity of the mouth of the Big Horn

River, where the deposit of supplies is to

be established. It is believed that Sit-

ting-Bull has now about 3,000 warriors

in the field between the Little Missouri

and the Yellowstone, and news of a

hostile encounter may be looked for now

any day.

THE President, on the 23d, sent to

the Senate the following nominations: